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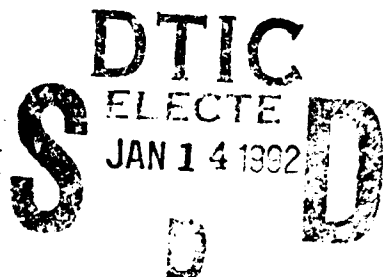
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13. ABSTRACT (Maximum 200 words) This is the final report for the research project entitled "The Stroh formalism for anisotropic elasticity with applications to composite materials". Thirteen papers have been published under this research project. Important findings of the results are outlined, and potential applications to composite materials are indicated.				
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A. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM STUDIED

Anisotropic elasticity has been an active research topic since the need of high strength, light weight composites in aerospace industry became apparent. A composite material consists of two or more materials which are in general anisotropic. The oldest theory of two-dimensional anisotropic elasticity is due to Lekhnitskii. The Lekhnitskii theory is not only outdated, it is inefficient. A new theory, originally due to Stroh (1958, 1962) and further developed by others, is very powerful and elegant. We have extended the Stroh formalism by presenting new identities and sum rules. Using these identities and sum rules, some heretofore unsolved problems are solved and solutions which are available but are in a complex form are converted into a real form. With the solutions in a real form, many new physically interesting phenomena have been discovered. Some of these findings, such as the invariant properties of rotations about the x_3 axis, would be useful in design of composite materials.

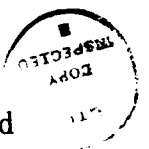
B. SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS

Thirteen papers have been published under this research project. They are listed below under Section C.

The research findings can be divided into three categories:

- (a) Re-interpretations of, and/or discovery of new phenomena from, existing solutions — [1, 5, 12].
- (b) Extension of known solutions to include more general cases. — [2, 3, 7, 8, 10]
- (c) Solutions to heretofore unsolved problems. — [1, 3, 4, 6 - 13].

Some of the papers cover more than one category.



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Many anisotropic elasticity problems contain the three Barnett–Lothe (1973) tensors in their final solutions. These tensors are real and depend on material constants only. They can be expressed in an algebraic form in terms of complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the elasticity constants. They can also be expressed in an integral form directly in terms of the elasticity constants. The integral form provides a real expression. Explicit, closed form expressions of these tensors directly in terms of the elasticity constants were available only for isotropic materials and transversely isotropic materials. We obtained explicit expressions of the Barnett–Lothe tensors for orthotropic materials [4] and for monoclinic materials whose material symmetry plane is at $x_3 = 0$ [9].

The well-known Eshelby theorem says that, for an anisotropic elliptic inclusion in an infinite medium of different anisotropic material subject to a uniform loading at infinity, the stress inside the inclusion is uniform. However, the value of the uniform stress inside the inclusion has been determined only for special materials such as orthotropic materials. We obtained explicit expression of the stress inside the inclusion for general anisotropic elastic materials in the inclusion and the medium [3].

Applications of the Stroh formalism to composite materials are presented in [1, 2, 7, 12]. Interface cracks in composite materials are one of the actively studied problems in composites. We presented certain invariants relating to the re-orientation of the layers in the composite [7] and a new, concise solution which shows clearly that the surface tractions along the interface are polarized on an eigenplane while the crack opening displacements are polarized on a different eigenplane [12].

Interesting mathematical properties of certain quantities which appear in anisotropic elasticity as well as their physical significance are reported in [10, 13]. The classical paradox of Levy (1899) and Carothers (1912) on isotropic elastic wedge, which has been resolved by Dempsey (1981) and Ting (1984), has been extended for anisotropic elastic wedge (Ting, 1988) and the paradox for anisotropic elastic wedge is resolved in [6].

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